

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of May 12, 2008.

Entry of the included amendment and reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

With regard to the last Office Action mailed May 12, 2008, Claims 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mukaiyama et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,631,407 ("Mukaiyama") in view of Baller et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,254,601 ("Baller"). and Torikai U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0027469 A1 ("Torikai")

Response

In response to the last Office Action mailed May 12, 2008, the Applicants have amended independent claim 22 to more clearly define the claimed subject matter of this patent application. Specifically, independent claim 22, and all claims depending therefrom, i.e. claims 23, 25 and 26, now include the recitation of the DMA module configured to "receive service component subscription information selectively provided by a user, and the service host system (310) is configured to process the subscription information selectively provided by the user and provision the imaging device subscribable service applications based on the subscription information selectively provided by the user."

In contrast, the prior art cited does not disclose and/or teach a distributed image processing system including a DMA and service host system as claimed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 22, 23, 25 and 26) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	4	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =	0

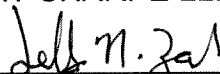
☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037. (A Request for Extension of Time is being paid for with a credit card via EFS Web. A separate Request for Extension of Time is attached.)

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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